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SUBJECT: FHWA MISSION TO IRAN

PASS TO KHOSROW PAKDAMAN FROM W.B. MCKENDRICK

1. AFTER THE EXECUTION OF THE VRT-FHWA AGREEMENT BY THE MINISTRY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DOLLAR WORKING FUND, WE PLAN TO SEND HAROLD KING TO IRAN AS AN ADVANCE MAN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. THE PERMANENT FHWA MISSION GROUP WOULD ARRIVE OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS. ONE OF HIS OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY FOR OFFICE SPACE (INCLUDING FURNITURE), LOCAL HELP (STENOGRAPHER AND TRANSLATOR), TRANSPORTATION AND TO DISCUSS FURNITURE PROCUREMENT AND HOUSING INCLUDING THE EARLY SEARCH FOR SAME. HE WILL ALSO START THE MISSION FUNCTIONS AND GUIDE THE EARLY PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE FHWA MISSION AS TO THEIR ROLES AS THEY ARRIVE IN TEHRAN. IN ADDITION, HE WILL DEVELOP APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. MR. KING'S EXPENSES WOULD BE CHARGEABLE TO THE DOLLAR WORKING FUND.

2. MR. KING WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE WHO WILL PERFORM SOME SECRETARIAL TASKS AND ASSIST IN THE EARLY

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SEARCH FOR HOUSING. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD LIKE

YOUR APPROVAL TO DEFRAY THE COST OF MRS. KING'S
TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS
REMAIN IN THE FHWA SURVEY TEAM ACCOUNT. (APPROXIMATELY
DOLS 1,600).

3. THE KINGS WILL NEED A CAR AND AN ENGLISH SPEAKING
DRIVER. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WOULD ARRIVE IN TEHRAN
IN EARLY MARCH.

4. PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN CABLE REGARDING THE USE OF
THE SURVEY TEAM ACCOUNT FOR MRS. KING. KISSINGER

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